

**REMARKS**

Claims 32-39 remain in this application. Claims 1-31 and 36-39 have been canceled and, thus, all standing rejections to these claims are moot.

Claims 32-35 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Gurivreddy (Internet Draft) dated September 2001.

The enclosed declaration by Bobby D. Slaton is provided under 37 CFR 1.131 to establish conception of the presently-claimed invention prior to the effective date (September 2001) of the Gurivreddy reference coupled with due diligence from August 17, 2001 to the filing of the present application (January 25, 2002). Therefore, Applicant submits that the Gurivreddy reference is inapplicable under 35 USC 102(a).

**CONCLUSION**

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Bobby Slaton at (972) 519-2295.

Respectfully submitted,

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